

Generic Core-Scoring Guide for AP European History
Document-Based Question

(Score scale 0–9)

BASIC CORE	Points	EXPANDED CORE	Points
<p>1. Provides an appropriate, explicitly stated thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question. Thesis may not simply restate the question.</p> <p>2. Discusses a majority of the documents individually and specifically.</p> <p>3. Demonstrates understanding of the basic meaning of a majority of the documents (may misinterpret no more than one).</p> <p>4. Supports the thesis with appropriate interpretations of a majority of the documents.</p> <p>5. Analyzes point of view or bias in at least three documents.</p> <p>6. Analyzes documents by explicitly organizing them in at least three appropriate groups.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Expands beyond basic core of 1–6. The basic score of 6 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded core points.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis. • Uses all or almost all documents. • Addresses all parts of the question thoroughly. • Uses documents persuasively as evidence. • Shows understanding of nuances in the documents. • Analyzes point of view or bias in at least four documents cited in the essay. • Analyzes the documents in additional ways—additional groupings or other. • Brings in relevant “outside” historical content. 	<p>0–3</p>
Subtotal	6	Subtotal	3
TOTAL 9			